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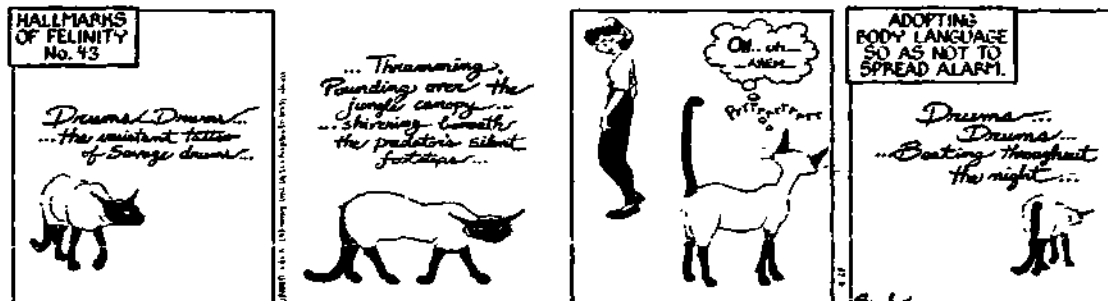
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THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



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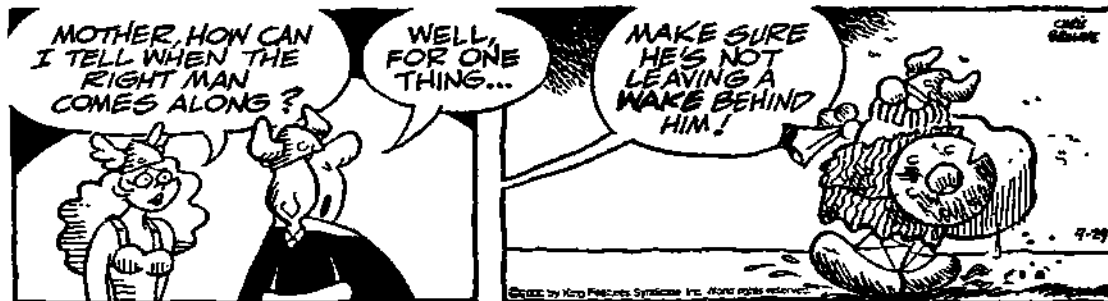
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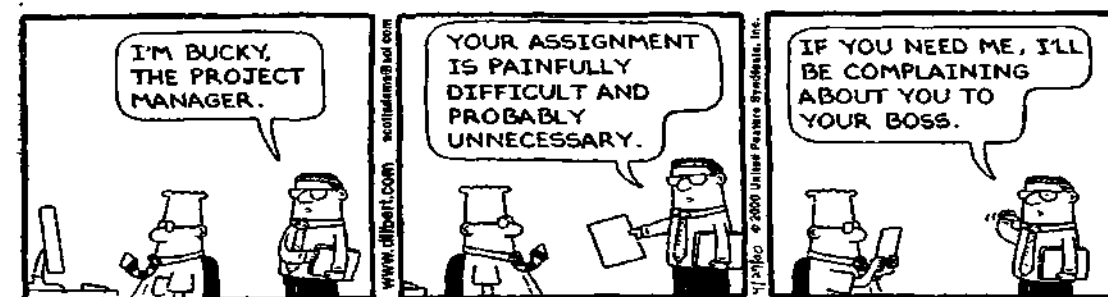
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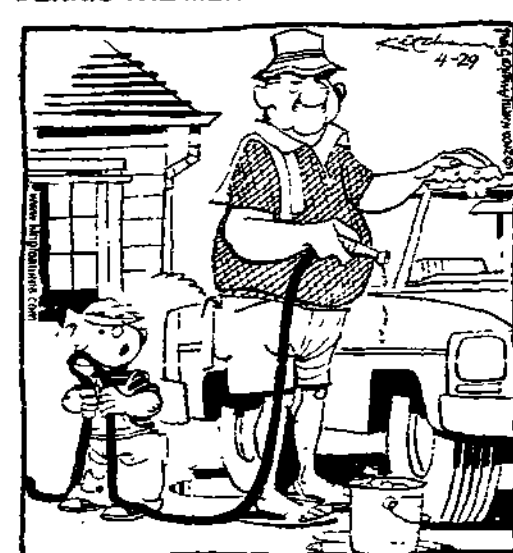
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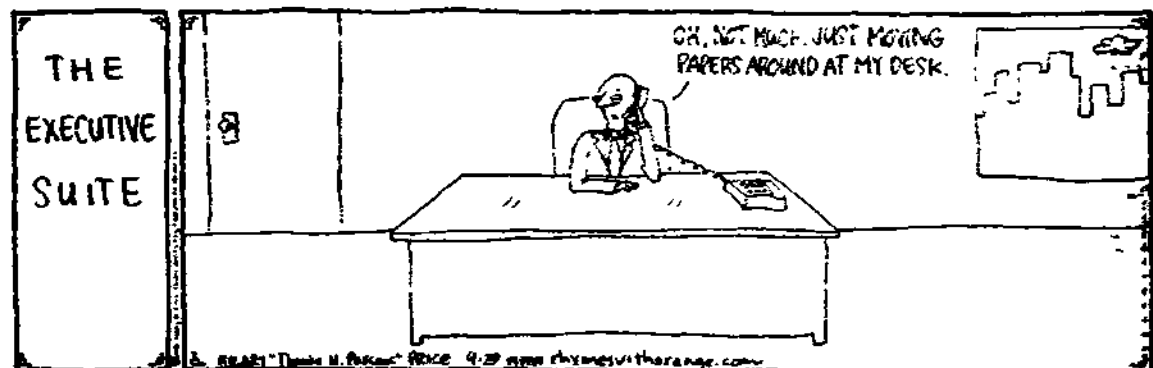
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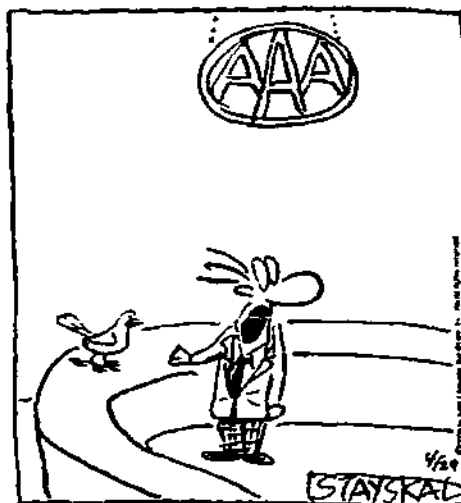
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Actress Celeste Holm is 81.
Rhythm-and-blues singer Carl Gardner (The Coasters) is 72.
Singer-musician Lonnie Donegan is 69.
Poet Rod McKuen is 67.
Actor Keith Baxter is 67.
Guitarist Ole Rueh is 66.
Conductor Zubin Mehta is 64.
Actor Lane Smith is 64.
Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 57.
Singer Tommy James is 53.
Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 45.

I NEED HELP



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Q	B	O	N	B	R	U
O	I	G	S	S	S	R
S	R	U	U	T	F	T
T	D	R	C	A	A	E

PAR SCORE 105-115 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add 10 pts if each word using scoring directed at high 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Stars" used as any letter have no point value. A Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrill-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Crawford). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 4-29-00

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WORD SLEUTH

NORTH

F W T Q N K H D A X U R P M J
G D A X V S Q N K I F D A X V
T Q O M V J A H F C A Y W U R
D N A L S I M N C P N L J H F
D B Z F X V E O I T R Q O M K
I H H F R T R T T L D B Z Y W
V T C R T I I P N Q O O N L K
I E H A F D C M A A E R O K C
A Z L X E W A A L R M R A T S
V P U O S B P H T R K Q O C N
M K J I P A E S A T O K A D H

Friday's unlisted clue: DISTORT

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Africa Cape Island Pole
America Carolina Korea Sea
Atlantic Dakota Park Vietnam
Beach Hampton Plaza

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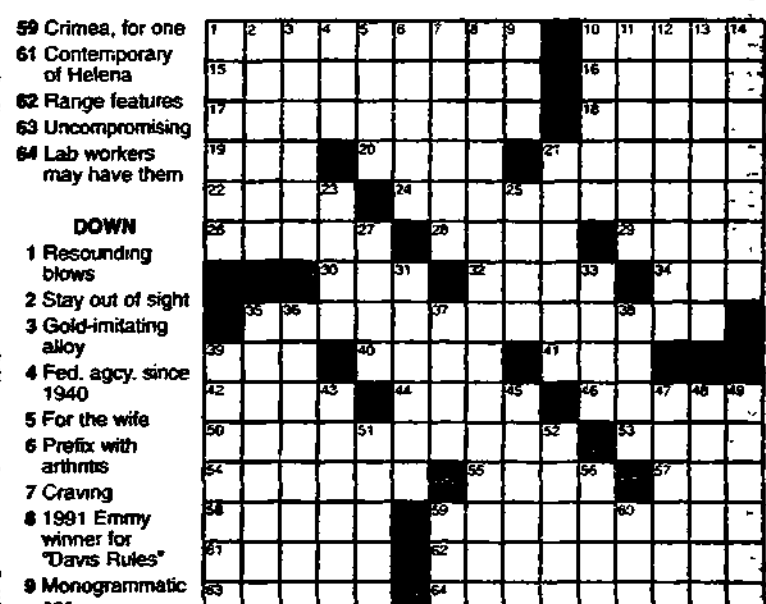
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0318

- ACROSS**
- Burning question of 1980
 - Sparrow partners?
 - It may be around a stake
 - Anatomical cavities
 - "I Love You Because" singer
 - Like every crossword answer
 - Revivalist
 - They can repel bugs
 - Shrimp habitat
 - Split
 - Professed
 - Rush
 - Brief preposition
- DOWN**
- Rears
 - Lingus
 - Deity with a bow
 - Letter sequence
 - Reproots
 - It's comy
 - Put away
 - Fashion monogram
 - Pluses
 - Gas, e.g.: Abbr.
 - Brownish pigment
 - Formed defense groups, of a sort
 - English novelist Britain
 - Excite
 - Bounty hunters?
 - Like a certain side
 - Dull

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WANTED DOPESTER
ICEAGE UNIVERSE
SHAKEN LIVELIHOOD
THREE FLOOR PEA
BEEN PAINT BLES
OVA BANNS DEEMS
NESTLING GAL
ESTUARY SINCERE
THY COACHMEN
RISES ALONE ELF
ANTE SLEET BRIO
ICU SPLAY LEGAL
NINETEEN YAGEND
ESTRANGE YATONCE
DESETER NETTED



Puzzle by Rich Norris

- ACROSS**
- Decline
 - Where the Earl of Desmond sits
 - Plague
 - Senior member
 - Auto suggestion
 - Catch
 - Wilkie threat, briefly
 - Georgia, e.g.: Abbr.

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